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to Mrs. Trotter and family. Remind me to our brothers in Glasgow and to all friends when you can find the opportunity, you know we have so many of them that I cannot well recollect them all at present and in meantime I remain Most Sincerely Dear Brother.

Your Mo. Affect. Friend

ANDREW GOW.

LETTER FROM LONDON, 1659.

(York Records Vol. 1657-62, p. 294, Va. State Library.)

London December the 29th 1659.

Loving Father:

My duty remembered to you with my love to my Mother in Law and all the rest of our friends in general, desyring yo^r health, praised be ye Lord for yat health I enjoy at present. My last to you was by Capt. Halman wherein I certified you of the Receipt of 16 hhds. of tobacco ~~of~~ ye Virg^a M^cchant & three of my Uncle Tustians. I think I also certified you that I had sold Fifteen hhds. of your Sixteen hhds in ye aforesaid shipp for Five pence ~~of~~ pound & the Excise; the hhd. that I thought had been lost was found & I have rec^ded Sixteen hhds. upon your Acompt out of ye Virginia M^cchant this yeare & my uncle Tustians 3 hhds. of tobacco. I have here sent you an Accompt of ye Sixteen hhds. in ye Virginia M^ccht what they produced. My uncle Mann & Aunt rememb. their love to you & my Mother in Law and my Aunt Price rememb. her love to you and my Mother in Law and all ye rest of your friends in ye countrey rememb^r their love to you and my Mother in Law. Since ye 9th of October here hath been another over turne in ye Governm^t of this Nation ye Soldyers turned out ye last long Parlim^t & for a while we were without any settled Governm^t but ye sword

& sword & sword men bare ye rule of ye Nation & this citty not many weekes agoe was in a dangerous condition according as well judged by ye eye of Flesh, and had not ye good hand of ye Lord prevented what was feared for right I know this Citty might be burned into Ashes & the streets running with blood; the Soldyers they are devided one against another & the people they are devided some for one Government some for another & how long thus a Kingdome devided against itselfe can stand I know not but Sinne & eniquity hath devided between us, & God & the Lord for Sinne hath devided us one against another & who knowes but yat ye Lord may give us upp to be destroyed one of another: the last Parliamt part of their members have againe within these Eight days mett againe at ye Parliamt house & some of ye Soldyers have revolted from their Commanders & adheered to yis Pliamt & this long P'liamt together with the Soldyers are likely to be our Rulers againe for a Season unlesse ye Soldyers clash againe. As for tobaccoe it is rather a worse comodity no better then it was 2 months or 8 months agoe & what it will be next yeare is very uncertaine unless here were like to be some settled governm', Father I think it would be convenient for you to keepe a plantacon & something in Virg^a the times being soe Dangerous here, and yis with my prayers to ye Lord for you, I leave you to ye protection of ye Lord & Rest.

Your loving and obedient Sonne

FRANCIS WHEELER.

[Thus Subscribed.]

These for his very loving Father, Mr. Francis Wheeler living at Queenes Creeke in Virginia.